

# IRISH LAND COMMISSION

## RETURN

OF

## PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND)  
ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,

DURING THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER, 1896.

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## IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1896.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of December, 1896; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

## COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

## I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th November, 1896, . . .	184,751		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . .	509		By Chief Commission to 30th November, 1896, . . .	4,375	
		185,260	" in month of December, 1896, . . .	8	4,383
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th Nov., 1896, . . .	9,554				
Do. in month of December, 1896, . . .	78		By Sub-Commissions to 30th November, 1896, . . .	158,961	
		9,632	" in month of December, 1896, . . .	253	159,214
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th Nov., 1896, . . .	29,317				
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . .	28		Dismissed—		
		29,345	To 30th November, 1896, . . .	7,991	
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 30th Nov., 1896, . . .	818		In month of December, 1896, . . .	16	8,007
" received in Dec., 1896, . . .	103				
		923			
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th November, 1896, . . .	1,389		Struck out—		
Do. in month of December, 1896, . . .	3		To 30th November, 1896, . . .	35,430	
		1,592	In month of December, 1896, . . .	13	35,443
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately occupied, under Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 30th November, 1896, . . .	126				
Applications in month of December, 1896, . . .	15		Withdrawn—		
		141	To 30th November, 1896, . . .	14,493	
			In month of December, 1896, . . .	2	14,495
Total, . . .	—	226,638	Total disposed of, . . .	—	226,445

\* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (X.), page 7.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 30th Nov., 1896,	13,361		Rents fixed— By Chief Commission to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	—	
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	605		" in month of Dec., 1896, . . . . .	—	
		13,966	By Sub-Commissions to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	742	
			" in month of Dec., 1896, . . . . .	468	1,210
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	285		Dismissed— To 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	16	
Do. in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	271		In Month of December, 1896, . . . . .	2	16
		556	Struck out— To 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	53	
			In month of December, 1896, . . . . .	2	55
			Withdrawn*— To 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	7	
			In month of December, 1896, . . . . .	1	8
Total, . . . . .	—	14,522	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	1,289

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## (b) Out of Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	117,633
Do., do. in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	199
Total, . . . . .	117,831

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	86
Do., do. in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	52
Total, . . . . .	174

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	1,501		Number disposed of to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	2,419
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	3		" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—
		1,504		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	37			
Do. in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—			
		37		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	1,044			
Applications in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—			
		1,044		
Total, . . . . .	—	2,585	Total disposed of, . . . . .	2,419

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, sale rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887").—SEC. 2.—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	35	Leases or Grants declared void to 30th Nov., 1896, .	22	
		" in month of December, 1896, .	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1896, .	30	
		" in month of December, 1896, .	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 30th Nov., 1896, .	3	
		" in month of December, 1896, .	—	3
Total, .	55	Total disposed of, .	—	55

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 30th Nov., 1896, .	13	Applications granted to 30th November, 1896, .	2	
" in month of December, 1896, .	—	" in month of December, 1896, .	—	2
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th November, 1896, .	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1896, .	9	
" in month of December, 1896, .	—	" in month of December, 1896, .	—	9
	3	Applications withdrawn to 30th November, 1896, .	3	
		" in month of December, 1896, .	—	3
Total, .	—	Total disposed of, .	—	14

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883—1891.

Applications received to 30th Nov., 1896, .	4,253	Rents Fixed to 30th Nov., 1896, .	3,635	
" in December, 1896, .	—	" in December, 1896, .	16	3,651
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 30th Nov., 1896, .	371	
		" in December, 1896, .	—	371
Total, .	4,253	Total disposed of, .	—	4,022

## VI.—APPEALS re FAIR RENTS, &amp;c.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	45,398	Number heard to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	22,078	
in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	21	“ in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	80	22,158
		Number dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	891	
		“ in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	891
		Number withdrawn to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	20,920	
		“ in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	9	20,929
		Total Number disposed of, . . . . .	—	44,863
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . . . .	—	551
Total, . . . . .	45,419	Total, . . . . .	—	45,419

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	516	Number heard to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	10	
in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	73	“ in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	10
		Number dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	—	
		“ in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	32	
		“ in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	32
		Total Number disposed of, . . . . .	—	42
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . . . .	—	549
Total, . . . . .	591	Total, . . . . .	—	591

## VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	29,607	£ 11,444,581
“ in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	—
	29,607	11,444,581
Deduct Applications refused, . . . . .	3,738	1,449,104
	25,869	9,995,477
Loans sanctioned to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	25,791	9,984,595
Loans sanctioned in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	—
	25,791	9,984,595
Loans issued to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	25,327	9,982,445
Loans issued in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	—
	25,327	9,982,445

## VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891 AND 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	8,419	3,617,373		£
" in December, 1896, . . . . .	151	52,814		£
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	2,767	701,318	9,570	3,100,660
" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	—	2,767	701,318
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st December, 1896, . . . . .	—	—	12,337	3,801,978
Less applications refused to 31st December, 1896, . . . . .	818	275,489		
" " in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st December, 1896, . . . . .	789	216,754	1,407	492,243
Loans sanctioned to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	7,845	2,335,768	16,890	3,309,164
" in December, 1896, . . . . .	68	19,013	7,913	2,574,801
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	1,428	372,224		
" in December, 1896, . . . . .	2	1,227	1,430	373,451
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1896, . . . . .	—	—	9,343	2,948,252
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 31st December, 1896, . . . . .	94	45,270		
" in cases of Purchase of Estates, by Order of Court to 31st December, 1896, . . . . .	122	48,940	216	94,210
Loans issued to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	6,435	2,143,445	9,127	2,854,042
" in December, 1896, . . . . .	99	36,600	6,594	2,189,105
" in cases of Purchase of Estates to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	1,190	296,951		
" in December, 1896, . . . . .	—	—	1,190	296,951
" in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	58	60,340		
" in December, 1896, . . . . .	—	—	58	60,340
			7,782	2,337,396

## IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	1,074	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	133	
" in December, 1896, . . . . .	2	Number received in December, 1896, . . . . .	—	133
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	818	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	105	923
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired . . . . .	—	1,056
Total, . . . . .	1,076	Total, . . . . .	—	1,076

\* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (c), page 8.

## CIVIL BILL COURTS.

## MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1896.

Summary of Proceedings under the Land Law Acts as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of December, 1896.

## I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	30,071		Rents fixed to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	17,121	
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	206		" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	73	17,194
		30,277	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	3,864	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	4,305		" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	9	3,873
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	10		Applications withdrawn* to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	430	
		4,315	" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	5	435
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	2,413		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	10,943	
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	3		" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	81	11,024
		2,416			
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately occupied under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	2				
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	15				
		17			
Total, . . . . .	—	36,925	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	32,516

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	754		Rents fixed to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	56	
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	295		" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	18	75
			Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	4	
			" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	4
			Applications withdrawn* to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	2	
			" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	2
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	285	
			" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	371	556
Total, . . . . .	—	1,049	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	637

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.



(b.) *Out of Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	2,220
Do, do, in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—
Total, . . . . .	2,220

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.\*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	313	
Applications received to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	574		„ in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	313
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	574	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	37	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 13), received to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	8		Transferred in month of Dec., 1896, . . . . .	—	37
Applications received in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	3			
Total, . . . . .	—	577	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	350

\* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

### III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID (“LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1867,”—SEC. 2)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,† . . . . .	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	—	
		„ in month of Dec., 1896, . . . . .	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	8	
		„ in month of Dec., 1896, . . . . .	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	—	
		„ in month of Dec., 1896, . . . . .	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	—	
		„ in month of Dec., 1896, . . . . .	—	—
Total, . . . . .	6	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING  
UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	23	Applications granted to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	3	
" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Nov., 1896, . . . . .	4	
		" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	1	
		" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th November, 1896, . . . . .	3	
		" in month of December, 1896, . . . . .	—	3
Total, . . . . .	23	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	11

Irish Land Commission, }  
21st January, 1897. }

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